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Sir,

General Yang is reported to have yesterday received a letter from the rebels demanding a statement of his position in the present situation. If no reply is received drastic measures are hinted at. On receipt of the letter General Yang issued an order to the troops to take special precautions.

At 4 p.m. yesterday General Yang held a conference with his subordinates military officials at which he announced his intention to keep the peace and to take no part in the present political upheaval. He added that if any person took rash steps without consideration at present, not only would foreigners interfere but the Empire itself would be shaken to the foundations. He went on to say that Shanghai being an important commercial port was in a different position from any other place and while he did not wish to force his own personal ideas on the Peking Government he felt that peace and good order should be maintained here at all costs. He then invited the views of those present but none of them made any statements and the conference had therefore little result.

The 4th Division having been stationed at Shanghai for a considerable time, some of the officers are said to be in communication with the local rebels. ~~This must be known to General Yang who, however, pretends that he knows nothing about it.~~

This is known to Gen: Yang.

Yesterday General Woo Fung Ling 伍豐林 in command of the troops at Sungkiang sent 4 prisoners to General Yang's yamen at Lungwha. It is said that one of them is an officer and the other three privates who were arrested for communicating with the rebels. On the other hand it is rumoured that they are rebels. They have been sent to the Military Court for trial.

It is reported that Commander Zung of Woosung forts has received a wireless communication from a certain warship that the Cantonese have sent a cruiser to bombard the forts. The cruiser will get

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get close to the forts on the pretext of having been sent by the Ministry of Marine. In consequence of the above martial law has been proclaimed and it is also said that mines are being laid at night in the vicinity of the forts.

Two robbers were shot at the Arsenal yesterday.

Two car loads of ammunition was sent from Woosung to Wusieh last night by the S.N.Railway escorted by an officer and 17 soldiers.

At 6 p.m. last night martial law was again proclaimed in Chapei.

Two more warships the Foh An and the Ching Woo have arrived and are lying off the Arsenal.

Information received from Wusieh this morning is to the effect that the outposts of the Kiangyin rebels are at Tsingyang some twenty li away and that the Government troops are massing with a view to attacking them. There have been no fighting in the Wusieh City but the opposing forces have come into contact in the surrounding country without either side showing any superiority.

In Wusieh people are going about their business as usual. The soldiers who fill the streets are well conducted and orderly.

Your Obedient Servant,

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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